

IN THE CLAIMS

B<sub>1</sub> 1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device for distributing lubricants in grooved rails, particularly for railborne traffic, comprising:

an elongated plate which can be arranged in the groove of the rail and which is provided with cutouts at least along one longitudinal edge, ~~but along both longitudinal edges;~~

said cutouts starting at the longitudinal edge ~~and are accordingly open-edged~~, the lubricant being supplied to these cutouts, and wherein the ~~open-edged~~ cutouts of the plate are covered by a cover plate which is constructed so as to be elastic at least in the covering area.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the cover plate which is constructed so as to be elastic in the area in which it covers the open-edged cutouts is covered by a substantially I-shaped plate, wherein the width(s) of the web of this I-shaped plate corresponds to the minimum distance between the open-edged cutouts of the plate having the open-edged cutouts located opposite one another.

10. (Previously Presented) An arrangement for feeding lubricants to the lubricant delivery openings, particularly in a device according to claim 8, wherein said feed device has a plurality of plates which can be fixed in the groove of the rail, particularly at the base of the groove, one on top of the other as a stack;

wherein the bottom plate of the plates that are placed one upon the other is provided with a flow divider which is constructed as an elongated cutout in the plate;

wherein a feed opening for the lubricant opens into the flow divider, in the center thereof;

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said flow divider communicates, via at least two openings which are at a distance from one another, with flow dividers which are arranged in another plate of the stack of plates that are placed one upon the other; and

wherein the plate having the additional flow dividers is followed in the stack by a plate which communicates, via through-openings, with the flow divider or flow dividers and which can also be connected to the lubricant delivery openings and which covers the flow divider or flow dividers of the plate.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the flow dividers arranged in the other plate are formed as a depression, particularly an

I-shaped depression, in the plate, wherein the openings for feeding the lubricant to the flow dividers are formed as holes in the base of the depression.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the flow dividers arranged in the other plate are formed as a hole, particularly an I-shaped hole, in the other plate, wherein the plate is covered on one side by a base which is fixedly connected to it and which bridges the holes and is provided with the through-openings for the lubricant which open into the holes of the plate.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein when the flow divider or flow dividers is or are formed in an I-shaped manner, the through-openings which join the flow dividers in the other plate with the lubricant delivery openings lie above the flanges of the I-shaped flow dividers, wherein a pair of through-openings is allocated to each flange, and wherein each of these through-openings opens into one of the cutouts which are cut into the longitudinal edges of the plate and which form the lubricant delivery openings.

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14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein a nipple which is provided with a male cone is inserted, into the feed opening of the bottom plate, and wherein the male cone projects into a through-opening which opens into the groove of the rail, another nipple which is provided with a female cone corresponding to the male cone being inserted, into this through-opening, and wherein the female cone tightly contacts the male cone.

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